

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 23, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 23, 2005, and the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Boston Edison for a Grant of Location to install 160 ft. of conduit on Elm St. from Burnside Ave. to Davenport St.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4. Citation Commending George Wood for creating the Times of Your Life video scrapbook for the children of the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
5. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor report to this Board whether the City may, by ordinance, require condominium conversions to undergo Site Plan Review to prevent violations of the Zoning Ordinance's requirements regarding number of units, use, landscaping, parking, etc.
6. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works, upon the closing of the schools for the summer, undertake a program of water leak detection, and repair or replace all leaking faucets, pipes and other plumbing.
7. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the tilted sidewalk panel on the Edgar Ave. side of the dwelling at 107 Heath St.
8. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the cracked, sunken and broken sidewalk panel between 110 and 112 Central St., and investigate whether a sewer pipe has broken under this section of sidewalk.

9. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Chief of Police keep members of this Board informed of crimes committed and arrests made.
10. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor report to this Board whether the City may lawfully supply water and sewer service to non-City users without charge.
11. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that sufficient mulch is placed on the landscaped areas of the Healey School to prevent those areas from being strangled by weeds.
12. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that weeds are removed from the planted area in front of Hoyt Sullivan Playground.
13. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works make sure that NStar Gas replaces the temporary asphalt patches on sidewalks and private property on Montrose and Madison Sts. with permanent cement sidewalk panels.
14. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That this Board requests that the Mayor provide this Board with monthly Personnel Reports, such as those provided to the School Committee by the School Dept., reporting changes in personnel. (2nd request)
15. Ordinance By Ald. Roche, Proposing for adoption an ordinance regarding the carrying of knives.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all temporary hot-top on Franklin St. sidewalks, from Pearl to Washington Sts., with cement panels.
17. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board urges Federal Realty Trust to use only union workers, giving preference to Somerville residents, on all current and future construction at the Assembly Square Mall property.
18. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Virginia St. by radar for vehicles that are speeding.
19. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD create a policy that all upgrades, renovations and designs of new parks and playgrounds include installing a police emergency phone.
20. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health bait the sewers for rodents around Virginia and Aldrich Sts.

21. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD dispatch building and health inspectors to investigate 46 Pearl St. to ensure that no public safety issues exist, such as an unsafe structure or rodent problem.
22. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works enforce the early morning restriction regarding Russell Disposal, as specified by their contract with the city.
23. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the street sign on the corner of Melville St. and Ten Hills Rd. to a proper location.
24. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Marshall St. near Pearl St.
25. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD order businesses in the retail block at Main St. and Broadway to keep their sidewalks free of trash, and that business not complying be fined the maximum amount allowed, and that the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police take measures, including ticketing and/or towing, to ensure that this section of road is swept regularly.
26. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Viet Nam veterans' memorial in Union Sq. and replace the plaque that was removed.
27. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works make arrangements to re-surface Hillside Circle.
28. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the corner of Sanborn and Warren Aves. for adequate lighting and/or lamp replacement.
29. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass and clean up Nunziato Field, place it on a regular clean up schedule, and utilize a sprinkler system.
30. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place signs at Highland Gardens, 114 Highland Ave., advising motorists that traffic must stop for pedestrians.
31. Order By Ald. Taylor and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the trees at 216-220 Summer St. for disease and insect infestation and spray, if necessary.
32. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate and repair the sink hole on Allen St.

33. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police place the speed board on Beacon St. to monitor traffic speeds from the bridge at Porter Sq. to Park St., and use any additional means to enforce the speed limit.
34. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree at 6-8 Houghton St. and at 32 Houghton St.
35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at Winslow and Villa Aves.
36. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That the Mayor, the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and the Director of the Council on Aging explore the Vial Of Life medical information concept used in California.
37. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Morrison Ave. between Grove St. and Morrison Place.
38. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD dispatch building and health inspectors to inspect 24 Dearborn Rd. for any and all building, health and zoning code violations.
39. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depressed crosswalk at Highland Ave. and Grove St.
40. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Neighborhood Inspection Team inspect 82 Willow Ave. for any and all building, zoning, fire, and or health code violations.
41. Order By Ald. Connolly and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the road at Cedar St. and Hall Ave.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk send a communication to the State Delegation requesting that they order the MBTA, including Commuter Rail, to clean the railroad tracks throughout Somerville.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect Russ' Donuts, at the corner of Morrison Ave. and Highland Rd., for illegally operating the business before 7 AM daily.
44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police appear before the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to discuss the Police patrol of the bike path and surrounding areas, from Willow Ave. to Central St.

45. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works weed and trim Trum Field and Playground, especially in and around the bleachers and memorials.
46. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut and remove all weeds at the base of all trees being trimmed.
47. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD reconvene the meetings to renovate Albion Park.
48. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Buena Vista municipal parking lot.
49. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Desmond and Connolly, That the Chief Information Officer explore the potential benefits, viability, and logistics related to community wireless internet networks in Somerville.
50. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-install the traffic light on Central St., set back from the corner of Summer St.
51. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on Central St. at the corner of Willoughby St. (2nd request.)
52. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works extend the backstop of the baseball field at the rear of Conway Park as foul balls are clearing the backstop and landing on the railroad tracks.
53. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works attach a chain link fence to the existing fence that runs along the railroad tracks by the baseball field at the rear of Conway Park as children are trying to retrieve baseballs from the railroad tracks.
54. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD research possible grant money to correct the misplacement of lights at both Conway Park baseball fields.
55. Comm. By Pres. Desmond, Conveying a communication from the Planning Board re: the FY06 Planning Board Budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

56. Citation By The Entire Board, commending Elena Capobianco on the happy occasion of her 92nd birthday.

57. Citation By The Entire Board, commending Felix Sabatino and Annette Serrao of La Contessa Bakery in Davis Sq. on more than 30 years of service to the city.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the revised FY 2006 Municipal Budget General Fund appropriation of \$145,637,220.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a new Ordinance 1-11(c) setting penalties for various Traffic and Parking offenses.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2001-11 adjusting the salaries of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the Superintendent of Highways.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 11-51 relative to the Superintendent of Lights and Lines.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to amend Sections 40C and 40D of the City Charter regarding Divisions in the Department of Public Works.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$7,500 grant from NStar for the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$6,451.20 grant awarded to the Recreation Dept. from the US Dept. of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice "G.R.E.A.T." Program.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$3,663.20 grant awarded to the Recreation Dept. from the National Football League.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to rename Lincoln Park Community School in honor of outgoing School Supt. Al Argenziano.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ellen Frith to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

68. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, June 13-22.
69. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Capital Planning, June 16.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 70. City Officer Comm. City Clerk conveying a communication from the Middlesex District Atty. re: Open Meeting Law, and requesting that this Board meet in Executive Session to review and approve Executive Session minutes.
- 71. City Officer Comm. City Clerk submitting a review of the Code of Ordinances with suggested revisions.
- 72. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to various board orders.
- 73. City Officer Comm. Acting Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 74. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
The Block is Hot block party, Nunziato Field, June 25.
- 75. Public Occ. Somerville Little League Minors Rockies Cookout, Capuano Field, June 26, 4-7PM.
- 76. Public Occ. Somerville Dog Owners Group Award Ceremony, in front of Nathan Tufts Field House on Broadway, June 27, 7PM.
- 77. Public Occ. The SomerMovie Fest, Seven Hills Park, July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, evenings.
- 78. Public Occ. Somerville Arts Council, Arts Union Producers events, SCAT Plaza or Nunziato Field, July 8, 29, Aug.12, 19, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 15 (raindate next day), various times.
- 79. Public Occ. Superkids Christian based outreach to neighborhood kids, Powderhouse Park, July 11-15, 5:30-8:30PM.
- 80. Public Occ. Bridging the Gap worship service/block party with the Community Baptist Church and the Haitian Baptist Church, Morrison Ave. from Grove St. to College Ave., July 24, 5-9PM.
- 81. Outdoor Seat **New Outdoor Seating License**
Gaetano Contaldi d/b/a White Hen Pantry, 734 Broadway, 3 tables, 6 chairs, 2 risex to display and sell fresh produce.
- 82. Billiard/Pool **Renewal Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License**
Diesel Café Inc., 257 Elm St., 2 pool tables.
- 83. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Haddad Service Station Inc., 205 Broadway, 27,000 gallons.

- 84. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer Bond and License**
Ledge Plus Inc.
- 85. Drain Layer D'Allessandro Corp.
- 86. Comm. **Communication**
Ten residents proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
- 87. Comm. Marjorie C. Decker, Vice Mayor, City of Cambridge, re:
Central American Free Trade Agreement.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM